

SPG Tournament

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This years special 25th anniversary S.P.G. Golf Society trip and competition to the Isle of Bute was again a brilliant success, with glorious weather and red hot golf. We also had the Isle of Bute Jazz Festival to keep us entertained with Acker Bilk topping the bill, the town was full to bursting.

With 20 Silloth golfers taking part in the three day tournament standards were high, the first day started with 18 holes at the famous Largs Golf Course.

With perfect conditions for golf and a course in excellent condition scores were always going to be low, and they were, David Scott and Aleric Weightman were winners on day one, with a great four man better ball score of 43 points.

Day two took us to the spectacular views of the Rothesay Golf Club, again a course in excellent condition, lush fairways and true greens. Golf was going to be of a high standard, with long hitting single handicapper David Tallontire blowing the opposition away with a very respectable score of 67. Second place was new



The Winner - Aleric Weightman

boy Andrew Allison with a solid 69 third equal on 72 were Bill Lewis and Phillip Allison.

The final day was a tense affair with five players in with a shout for the coveted 25th anniversary prize, this was played at the Isle of Bute Golf Course

Tournament leader Aleric Weightman and second placed David Lightfoot having an early night the competition was theirs for the taking. A poor front nine from

the talented David Lightfoot was matched by a nervous Aleric Weightman, with the third, fourth and fifth placed golfers falling away out of the running it was down to the top two, a matter of who could stay calm under terrific pressure.

Aleric or David, the smart money was on David

Lightfoot.

All square on the 18th tee David hit a 4 iron through the back of the par 3 last, tricky shot back Aleric was always under control, he hit a 3 wood to about 10 foot

from the hole. With all of the other 18 golfers watching the final pair you could see the tension on the faces of both players. David went first with a fantastic 60% lob wedge shot to about 18 inches of the hole. Aleric paced up and down the green like the seasoned pro he has become over the years, if he sinks the ball the game and tournament is his. At this stage David asks if he can finish off first and got his three. Aleric was lining up the putt, 10 foot left to right down hill. Good luck David everyone shouted, the putter head went back nice and slowly. Aleric, with his hair getting in his eyes all weekend never flinched, he just returned the putter head to the ball. The tournament was decided on the fantastic put,,

Aleric was a popular and worthy champion, and wants people to know he will not be giving up his day job and turning pro.

David Lightfoot, runner up, with Deer in the background



Abbeytown Bowling Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

Kirkbride were the visitors for a very friendly evening of Short Mat Bowling in the Assembly Rooms. At half time Abbeytown were leading but after a lovely supper provided by the members an exciting second half finished with the visitors 35 Abbeytown 32. The raffle winners were Jean Kenny (Kirkbride), Donald Foster, Audrey Harrison, Gladys Temple

and Robert Lightfoot (Abbeytown).

The following week saw Ireby as the visitors again, the first half was evenly matched but after another lovely supper the visitors lost the run of the mats and Abbeytown came out winners 58 and Ireby 33. The raffle winners were Joyce Wilson and Gladys Temple (Abbeytown) Vera Petrie and Jim Wilson (Ireby).

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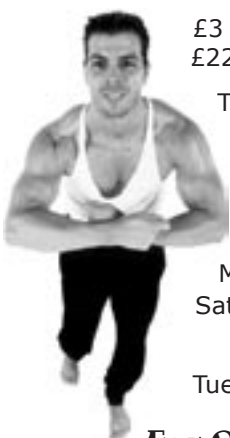
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